



City of Naples

City Council Chamber
735 Eighth Street South
Naples, Florida 34102

City Council Regular Meeting – May 20, 2026 – 8:31 a.m.

It is noted for the record that all: 1) documentation electronically appended hereto is also contained in the file for this meeting with the City Clerk's Office; 2) experts who testified during quasi-judicial hearings were accepted as qualified to do so in their respective fields of expertise; and 3) added attachments are referenced in red as "ADDED ATTACHMENT".

1) CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

City Council Members Present

Teresa Heitmann, Mayor
Ted Blankenship, Vice Mayor

Berne Barton
Bill Kramer
John Krol
Linda Penniman
Scott Schultz

Staff Present:

Gary Young, City Manager
Kristina Majeski, Administrative Manager
Sandra Fazzino, Executive Office Coordinator
George Yilmaz, Assistant City Manager / Director
of Critical Infrastructure

Others Present:

Chris Surber
Lila Zuck
Linda Epstein
Joe LoGrippe
Claire Al Kurdi
Audriana Diedrich
Kaitlyn Maya
Ansley Brown
Caleb Vergara
Octavio Hester
Janeice T. Martin
Daniel White
Charissa Dines

Matthew McConnell, City Attorney
Andrew Dickman, Assistant City Attorney
Patricia Rambosk, City Clerk
Jeffrey Brammer, Senior Planner
Erica Martin, Planning Director
Stefan Massol, Finance Director
Jessica Hernandez, Deputy City Clerk

Stephen Hruby
James Whitaker
James Knafo
Mark Oreus
Connie Brown
Josh Hartley
Jim Lasseter
Ryan Russell
Danny Flesher
Todd Lehman
Jenna Heiderman
Nancy Walkenhorst

2) INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pastor Chris Surber, First Congregational Church, gave an invocation. Vice Mayor Blankenship subsequently led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3) SET AGENDA (add or remove items)

City Manager Gary Young announced that a second supplemental agenda had been issued, which included, a revised agenda memorandum and an interview for the Design Review Board (DRB) under Item 11.A; the addition of Items 14.C (Discussion of Revisions to the Comprehensive Plan Amendment Project Schedule) and Item 14.D (Announcement of an Executive Session regarding the City of Naples v. City of Naples Airport Authority); and the

addition of a PowerPoint Presentation and an Affidavit of Publication for Item 15.A (First Reading of an Ordinance related to Public Notices).

MOTION by Penniman to SET THE AGENDA; seconded by Schultz and unanimously carried, all members present and voting (Barton-yes, Blankenship-yes, Kramer-yes, Krol-yes, Penniman-yes, Schultz-yes, Heitmann-yes).

4) ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

4.A) America 250 Essay Contest Winners Presentation.

Mayor Heitmann introduced the America 250 Essay Contest as part of the City's celebration of America's 250th anniversary. Mayor Heitmann recognized the five participating schools, a homeschool entrant, and the anonymous donor who made the student awards possible. She thanked community sponsors Gelato and Co. Naples, Slice Shop Pizzeria, and the Naples Zoo, as well as Executive Office Coordinator Sandra Fazzino and Administrative Manager Kristina Majeski for organizing the initiative.

Vice Mayor Blankenship led a brief civics quiz based on the U.S. citizenship study guide as an introduction for the City's America's 250 Celebration, featuring questions on the United States Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and the First Amendment.

Executive Office Coordinator Fazzino introduced contest judges Lila Zuck, local historian and author; Linda Epstein, member of the American Association of University Women, Naples Branch; and Joe LoGrippo, decorated United States Marine veteran and founder of Naples NICE.

Administrative Manager Majeski presented honorable mention recipients to students Claire Al Kurdi and Audriana Diedrich of St. Ann Catholic School, and Kaitlyn Maya of Lake Park Elementary School. She noted that because the judges were impressed by the quality of submissions, they expanded the awards program to include honorable mentions.

Executive Office Coordinator Fazzino then invited the first-place essay winners to read their essays. Ansley Brown, a student from Seagate Elementary School, read an essay honoring her father, a Marine combat veteran. Caleb Vergara, a sixth grade homeschool student, read an essay reflecting on his family's Cuban and Scottish heritage and its connection to military service and the pursuit of freedom. He stated his intention to enlist in the United States Marine Corps after graduation. Octavio Hester, a student from Naples High School, read an essay titled "My Favorite Place in America," exploring the idea of home as defined by people and community rather than physical location.

Mayor Heitmann thanked all participants and stated that the essays reflected civic pride and the promise of the next generation. Council Member Barton acknowledged that his wife, a fifth-grade teacher, was present in the audience with one of the Lake Park Elementary participants.

[America 250 Winning Essays \(Staff/Added Attachment\)](#) 

4.B) Proclamation for National Drug Court Month.

Mayor Heitmann read a proclamation designating May 2026 as National Drug Court Month in the City of Naples, recognizing the role of drug courts in reducing crime, supporting recovery, and fostering community partnerships.

The Honorable Judge Janeice T. Martin, who has presided over the Felony Drug Court Program for 15 years, accepted the proclamation on behalf of the Program, its participants, alumni, and support team. Judge Martin stated that welcoming Drug Court participants into civic spaces reinforces their place in the community and supports their efforts to build productive lives.

[Proclamation \(Staff/Added Attachment\)](#) 

4.C) Proclamation for Water Safety Month - NCH Safe and Healthy Children's Coalition.

Mayor Heitmann read a proclamation designating May 2026 as Drowning Prevention Month in the City of Naples. Daniel White, Advisory Board Chair of the Safe and Healthy Children's Coalition of Collier County, accepted the proclamation on behalf of the Naples Community

Hospital (NCH) Safe and Healthy Children's Coalition and its partners. Chair White highlighted prevention measures, including active supervision, physical barriers, swim lessons, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training, and the coalition's Swim Central and Kids Don't Float life-jacket loaner programs. He encouraged residents to visit www.watersmartcollier.com for additional information.

[Proclamation \(Staff/Added Attachment\)](#)

5) PUBLIC COMMENTS

Stephen Hruby, President of Architects Unlimited, asked City Council to consider extending the rooftop dining regulations in the Fifth Avenue South Special Overlay District established by Ordinance 2021-14663, noting that the Ordinance was set to expire in June of that year. He explained that a Conditional Use application was being prepared for a proposed ground-floor and rooftop dining venue at 898 5th Avenue South to be operated by a nationally recognized Chicago-based restaurateur who is also a Naples resident. Mr. Hruby emphasized that the proposed establishment would be a public restaurant rather than a private club and asked that Planning staff be authorized to prepare a resolution extending the pilot ordinance for at least one year to allow the application process to proceed. **James Whitaker** inquired whether the River Park East infrastructure project remained on schedule and sufficiently funded given rising costs. Mayor Heitmann encouraged Mr. Whitaker to review the May 18, 2026 City Council Workshop discussion regarding the City's five-year Capital Improvement Plan and stated that City Manager Gary Young was developing a long-term infrastructure funding plan.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Penniman requested removal of Item 7.D (Consideration of an Interlocal Service Boundary Agreement) from the Consent Agenda for a separate discussion and vote.

MOTION by Blankenship to APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, subject to removing Item 7.D for a separate discussion and vote; seconded by Schultz and unanimously carried, all members present and voting (Barton-yes, Blankenship-yes, Kramer-yes, Krol-yes, Penniman-yes, Schultz-yes, Heitmann-yes).

6) MINUTES

6.A) Approval of the April 15, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes and the corrected February 18, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes.

[Agenda Memorandum](#) [April 15, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes](#)

[Corrected February 18, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes](#)

7) RESOLUTIONS

7.A) **RESOLUTION 2026-15867** - A Resolution Approving a Settlement in *Barnicle, Donna v. City of Naples*, 20th Judicial Circuit Court, Case No.23-CA-001425; Authorizing the City Manager to Execute All Necessary Documents; Providing for Scrivener's Errors; and Providing an Effective Date.

Title of the Resolution not read.

[Agenda Memorandum](#) [Resolution](#) [General Release](#)

7.B) **RESOLUTION 2026-15868** - A Resolution Approving an Independent Contractor's Services Agreement Between the City of Naples and Hannula Landscaping and Irrigation, Inc., a Florida Corporation, for the Riley Park Landscape Restoration Project (ITB-26-020) in the Amount of \$284,124.80; Approving a City-Controlled Contingency in the Amount of \$5,000; Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Independent Contractor's Services Agreement; and Providing an Effective Date.

Title of the Resolution not read.

[Agenda Memorandum](#) [Resolution](#) [Contractor's Services Agreement](#)

7.C) **RESOLUTION 2026-15869** - A Resolution Approving an Interlocal Agreement between Collier County and the City of Naples for the County to Provide Laboratory Analysis for Surface Water, Wastewater, Reclaimed Water, and Environmental Compliance Samples Generated by the City of Naples Public Works Department and Specific Reporting Requirement Services for State Compliance by the Collier County

Pollution Control Environmental Laboratory; Authorizing the Mayor to Execute the Interlocal Agreement; Providing for Scrivener's Errors and Providing an Effective Date.

Title of the Resolution not read.

[Agenda Memorandum](#)  [Resolution](#) 
[Interlocal City of Naples & Collier County Lab](#)  [Exhibit A Fee Schedule](#) 

- 7.E) **RESOLUTION 2026-15871** - A Resolution Accepting an Access Easement from New Market - Neapolitan LLC, A Florida Limited Liability Company, for Ingress, and Egress Over and Across a Private Sidewalk for Public Pedestrian Access, Connectivity and Compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Guidelines on Property Located at 4601 9th Street North, more Fully Described Herein; Authorizing the Mayor to Execute the Access Easement; Directing the City Clerk to Record the Access Easement; Providing for Scrivener's Errors; and Providing an Effective Date.

Title of the Resolution not read.

[Agenda Memorandum](#)  [Resolution](#)  [Sketch & Description](#) 
[Access Easement](#) 

- 7.F) **RESOLUTION 2026-15872** - A Resolution Revising the Previously Approved List of Vendors Adopted by Resolution 2025-15746 by Increasing the Annual Not-To-Exceed Amounts for Florida Mail and Print, Gray Matter Systems, LLC, Mersino Dewatering, LLC, Ten-8 Fire & Safety, LLC (No. 082025-Pmi) and Thompson Pump And MFG, Inc.; Decreasing the Annual Not-To-Exceed Amount for Ten-8 Fire & Safety, LLC (Lake County 22-730k) and Changing the Sourcewell Contract Number for Ten-8 Fire & Safety, LLC; Approving the Competitive Bidding Process for the Purchase of Goods and Services During Fiscal Year 2025-26 as Provided in Section 2-663(1)(d) of the Code of Ordinances, City of Naples and Approving a Revised List of Vendors That Have Been Previously Approved and that are Entities Regularly Receiving Bids for County, State or City Official Use; Authorizing the Approved List of Vendors During Fiscal Year 2025-26 in the Total Not-To-Exceed Amounts as Set Forth Herein; Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Purchase Orders Therefore; Repealing Resolution 2025-15746; Providing for Scrivener's Errors; and Providing an Effective Date.

Title of the Resolution not read.

[Agenda Memorandum](#)  [Resolution](#) 
[26.0428 - Ten-8 Pierce Piggyback Agreement](#) 

- 7.G) **RESOLUTION 2026-15873** - A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Purchase Orders Utilizing the Current Piggyback Agreement with Mancan, Inc. an Ohio Corporation, Authorized to Conduct Business in the State of Florida, During Fiscal Year 2025-26 in the Total Not-To-Exceed Amount of \$100,000 Utilizing Collier County Public Schools Agreement No. 24-040; Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Purchase Orders Therefore; Providing for Scrivener's Errors; and Providing and an Effective Date.

Title of the Resolution not read.

[Agenda Memorandum](#)  [Resolution](#)  [2026-00002 Mancan, Inc.](#) 

8) **OTHER**

None.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

9) **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None.

REGULAR AGENDA

10) **ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA (If Needed)**

- 7.D) **RESOLUTION 2026-15870** - A Resolution Approving an Amendment to the City of Naples Water and Waste Water Service Interlocal Service Boundary Agreement and Accord and Satisfaction Between the City of Naples and Collier County to Modify and

Expand the City's Potable Water Service Boundary to Include Up to 90 Single-Family Residential Units in the Windward Landing Residential Development; Authorizing the Mayor to Execute the Interlocal Agreement; and Providing an Effective Date.

City Attorney Matthew McConnell read the title of the Resolution. Council Member Penniman expressed concern regarding the project's relatively small scale, involving approximately 90 homes spanning both City and County jurisdictions, and questioned whether Collier County already provided water and sewer service to the area.

George Yilmaz, Assistant City Manager / Public Works Director, utilized an electronic presentation to explain that Collier County would continue providing sewer service, while the City would provide potable water within its existing service area. He stated that all infrastructure costs would be borne by the developer and conveyed to the City upon completion with no upfront City expense. He noted that the infrastructure was expected to generate long-term revenue and that the low-density, single-family character of the development was compatible with surrounding neighborhoods and aligned with the City's long-term utility infrastructure renewal and resiliency goals.

City Manager Gary Young and Assistant City Manager Yilmaz clarified that the alternative would be to relinquish the service territory to the County, but noted that the City already has adequate capacity to serve the project. In response to Vice Mayor Blankenship, City Manager Young confirmed that the developer would bear all upfront infrastructure costs and that County customers would pay a 25 percent surcharge above standard City water rates.

In response to Council Member Schultz, City Manager Young clarified that the properties would remain in unincorporated Collier County and would not generate City property taxes because the proposal involved only a water service district expansion, not annexation.

MOTION by Kramer to APPROVE RESOLUTION 2026-15870; seconded by Blankenship and unanimously carried, all members present and voting (Blankenship-yes, Barton-yes, Kramer-yes, Krol-yes, Penniman-yes, Schultz-yes, Heitmann-yes).

[Agenda](#) [Memorandum](#) [Resolution](#) [Amendment to Interlocal-](#) [Water Service](#)
[Boundary](#) [EXHIBIT A](#) [EXHIBIT B](#) [EXHIBIT C](#) [Report](#)
[Financials](#) [Presentation \(Staff/Added Attachment\)](#)

11) BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

11.A) *CLERK TRACKING 2026-00076, 2026-00077, 2026-00078, 2026-00079, 2026-00080*
Interview applicant for the Design Review Board and Consider Appointments to Various Boards and Committees (Supplement 2/Updated Item).

City Clerk Rambosk reviewed the agenda memorandum, noting that Joseph Tornincaso was the sole applicant for the alternate member vacancy on the Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Board (CRAAB); that Community Services Advisory Board (CSAB) alternate member Suzanne Klym had applied for appointment to a regular member vacancy; and that the Design Review Board (DRB) had two regular member vacancies and one alternate member vacancy. She explained that a majority of DRB members must be City residents, which limited eligibility for the regular member positions.

During discussion, City Clerk Rambosk explained that to meet the requirement of the Code providing that a majority of the members be legal residents of the City, it was necessary for the City Council to appoint City residents to the regular member vacancies, noting that Mr. Knafo could be reappointed as an alternate member as he is a County resident.

MOTION by Kramer to APPOINT Joseph Tornincaso to the Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Board as an alternate member for a three-year term commencing May 20, 2026 and expiring May 19, 2029; seconded by Barton and unanimously carried, all members present and voting (Barton-yes, Blankenship-yes, Kramer-yes, Krol-yes, Penniman-yes, Schultz-yes, Heitmann-yes).

MOTION by Kramer to APPOINT Suzanne Klym to the Community Services Advisory Board as a regular member for a three-year term commencing May 1, 2026 and expiring April 30, 2029; seconded by Schultz and unanimously carried, all members present and voting (Barton-yes, Blankenship-yes, Kramer-yes, Krol-yes, Penniman-yes, Schultz-yes, Heitmann-yes).

MOTION by Blankenship to APPOINT Jerald Maxson and Sean Murphy as regular members and REAPPOINT James Knafo as an alternate member to the Design Review Board, each for a three-year term commencing June 1, 2026 and expiring May 30, 2029; seconded by Barton and unanimously carried, all members present and voting (Barton-yes, Blankenship-yes, Kramer-yes, Krol-yes, Penniman-yes, Schultz-yes, Heitmann-yes).

[Agenda Memorandum](#)  [CRAAB - Joseph Tornincaso Application](#) 
[CRAAB Code](#)  [CSAB - Suzanne Klym Application](#)  [CSAB Code](#) 
[DRB - James Knafo Application](#)  [DRB - Jerald Maxson Application](#) 
[DRB - Sean Murphy Application](#)  [DRB Code](#) 
[Revised Agenda Memorandum \(Supplement 2/Added Attachment\)](#) 

12) LAND USE MATTERS

12.A) *RESOLUTION 2026-15874* - A Resolution Determining Petition 26-V2, Relating to a Variance Pursuant to Sections 46-37 and 56-93 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Naples, to Allow an Existing Boat Dock and a New Boat Lift to Exceed the Required Shore-Normal Dimension Limitations of Five (5) Feet Offshore from the Platted Property Line for Property Owned By ANR Capital, LLC, An Illinois Limited Liability Company, and Located At 2125 Snook Drive; More Fully Described Herein; Providing Findings and Conditions; Providing for Scrivener's Errors; and Providing an Effective Date.

City Attorney Matthew McConnell read the title of the Resolution. This being a quasi-judicial proceeding, Deputy City Clerk Jessica Hernandez administered an oath to those intending to offer testimony; all responded in the affirmative. Council Members then made the following ex parte disclosures: Krol / was familiar with the project location; Barton and Kramer / had brief discussions with staff for background clarification; Schultz / was familiar with the project but had no disclosures regarding contact with any party; Penniman / had no contact; Blankenship / had a brief discussion with the Planning Director but had not had any other contact; and Heitmann / had not had contact with staff or the petitioner but had watched the relevant Planning Advisory Board (PAB) meeting.

Mark Oreus, Permitting Specialist at Greg Orick II Marine Construction Inc., utilized an electronic presentation to present a variance request for the property located at 2125 Snook Drive to allow an existing boat dock and proposed boat lift to exceed the five-foot shore-normal dimension limit from the platted property line. He explained that the subject property is a pie-shaped lot on an interior canal in Royal Harbor. Mr. Oreus stated that the existing perpendicular dock was permitted by the City in 2004, that the current owner purchased the property with the dock in place, and that the nonconforming configuration was not discovered until a boat lift application was rejected. Mr. Oreus asserted that the lot's geometry, including narrowing riparian lines, makes a parallel dock configuration impractical and that the proposed lift would not increase the existing dock footprint. He also noted that three immediate neighbors to the north have docks with the same perpendicular configuration and boat lifts, and that both adjacent neighbors had submitted letters of support.

Senior Planner Jeffrey Brammer reviewed the staff report, confirming that the dock was permitted in 2004 with a certificate of completion issued that April but that the permit was issued in error because the dock extends beyond the five-foot shore-normal dimension limit applicable to interior canals in Royal Harbor. Planner Brammer clarified that the City's Planning Department did not review marine permits at the time of original issuance and that the property owner bears no

culpability for the noncompliant configuration. He noted that the PAB voted 7-0 to recommend approval at its April 8, 2026 meeting, subject to three conditions: 1) the variance applies only to the existing dock and proposed lift and not to future improvements; 2) demolition of the noncompliant dock would void the variance approval; and 3) any docked vessel shall not extend beyond the seaward end of the dock.

In response to Council Member Penniman regarding condition number 2, Planner Brammer and Planning Director Erica Martin clarified that any future demolition and reconstruction would trigger a new building permit review, during which Planning staff would identify the variance history and require compliance with current Code. Planning Director Martin further clarified that if the variance is granted, the dock would become a lawfully conforming structure and may be rebuilt in kind following an act of God such as hurricane damage but not following elective demolition.

Vice Mayor Blankenship stated that while he was sympathetic to the property owner's situation, he did not believe the request to add a boat lift met the variance criteria, noting that comparable properties to the south appeared to have successfully built code-compliant parallel docks with lifts. He expressed willingness to support a variance for the existing dock configuration but not for the addition of the lift.

Council Member Kramer stated that, as a general policy, he opposes granting variances for developers unless there is a compelling public benefit to the City. However, he explained that he applies greater flexibility for individual residents and taxpayers when a request creates no apparent harm to the City or neighboring properties. Regarding the item under discussion, he reasoned that a boat lift is functionally equivalent to a vessel being parked in the same location and noted that the boat is already moored there. He cited the practical difficulty of reconfiguring the dock given the pie-shaped lot and potential impacts to neighboring boat access. Council Member Barton explained that a parallel dock with lift would require the stern of the boat to cross the property line during entry, creating a worse outcome for neighbors. Council Member Krol asked whether the request would set a precedent for neighboring properties. In response, City Attorney McConnell confirmed that it would not, as each variance is evaluated independently on its own set of facts.

Public Comment: None.

MOTION by Barton to APPROVE RESOLUTION 2026-15874 subject to the three conditions recommended by staff and the Planning Advisory Board; seconded by Kramer and carried 5-2, all members present and voting (Schultz-yes, Penniman-yes, Blankenship-no, Barton-yes, Kramer-yes, Krol-no, Heitmann-yes).

[Agenda Memorandum](#)  [Resolution](#)  [PAB Staff Report](#)  [Application](#) 
[Disclosure of Interest - Property Owner](#)  [Warranty Deed](#)  [Survey](#) 
[Aerial](#)  [Site Plan](#)  [Schedule 1 - Original Permit](#)  [Schedule 2 - Certificate of Completion](#) 
[Schedule 3 - Property Photos](#)  [Schedule 4 - 2095 Snook Dr Neighbor Courtesy Consent](#) 
[Schedule 5 - 2131 Snook Dr Neighbor Courtesy Consent](#) 
[Credentials - Staff](#)  [Public Notice Mailing Addresses](#)  [Correspondence](#) 
[Affidavit of Sign Posting](#)  [Affidavit of Sign Posting 2](#)  [Petitioner Presentation](#) 

Recess: 10:59 a.m. to 11:14 a.m. It is noted for the record that: 1) the same Council Members were present when the meeting reconvened; and 2) although the discussion of Item 13.A was suspended from 12:26 p.m. until 1:56 p.m. in consideration of Time Certain Item 14.D, the Item is written in its entirety below.

13) OLD BUSINESS

13.A) A Presentation on the Cambier Park Playground Project, by the Three (3) Companies that Submitted RFP's, to Provide Additional Information Related to the Design

Submitted for the Purpose of Selecting a Vendor for the Design and Construction Services of the Cambier Park Playground and a Recommendation on the Best Design and Construction Option Presented (Supplement 1/Updated Item).

City Manager Gary Young introduced the item, explaining that following the May 7, 2026 meeting, at which the City Council provided preliminary direction to proceed with vendor negotiations, he determined it appropriate to bring all three responding firms back before the City Council to present their designs and address outstanding questions before finalizing vendor selection and contract negotiations. He stated that the prior vote had not constituted a formal intent to award a contract.

Connie Brown, representing Miracle Recreation Equipment Company, utilized an electronic presentation to highlight the firm's history and its status as the oldest and largest domestic playground manufacturer. She emphasized that all proposed play components were certified by the International Playground Equipment Manufacturers Association (IPEMA), explaining that IPEMA certification requires independent third-party equipment testing. Ms. Brown outlined the proposed designs for the two-to-five and five-to-twelve age areas, which included themed climbing mounds with hill slides, rope and rock climbers, swings, spinners, sensory and music play stations, sculpted fish, turtle, and alligator features, shaded play areas, handicap accessible ramps and transfer stations, and multiple components designed for long-term durability and low maintenance. She noted that the proposed design included significant shade coverage, glass fiber reinforced concrete (GFRC) products carrying 20-year warranties, a 180-to-190-day installation timeline, and a total project cost of \$1,970,000, the lowest of the three proposals. Ms. Brown added that the main structural support columns carry a lifetime warranty and that plastic components carry a 15-year warranty. She offered to apply additional theming elements within the existing budget or through reallocation of existing line items. In response to Council Member Barton, Ms. Brown explained that the shade structures were rated for winds of approximately 110 miles per hour with the fabric canopies installed and 170 miles per hour with the fabric removed. She noted that Parks and Recreation staff routinely remove the fabric in advance of storms.

Josh Hartley, Eastern Regional Sales Manager for GameTime, and Jim Lasseter, local distributor with Dominica Recreation Products (DRP), presented on behalf of PlayCore Wisconsin. Mr. Hartley stated that the firm had participated in all four rounds of the Request for Proposal (RFP) process and noted that, on May 7th, the City Council voted five to two to authorize negotiations with GameTime. While acknowledging that no formal intent to award a contract had been issued, Mr. Hartley questioned the decision to revisit the original proposal rather than evaluate the updated "best and final" submission that his team understood would serve as the basis for City Council consideration. He nevertheless expressed the team's continued enthusiasm for participating in the project.

In response, City Manager Young emphasized that no intent to award a contract had been issued and that the City Manager, through the Purchasing Department, is responsible for negotiating and presenting a proposed contract for City Council consideration. He stated that, given the project's significance and concerns regarding inconsistencies in prior presentations and responses, he directed staff not to proceed with an award of contract at that time and instead provide all parties an additional opportunity to present again before the City Council. City Manager Young further emphasized that no proposal had been removed from consideration and that the City Council retained full discretion regarding the final selection.

Mr. Lasseter continued the presentation by describing significant post-May 7th design revisions made in direct response to City Council feedback, including three additional sight-line openings in the custom "Cambier Tree" structure, and replacing a humpback whale with a manatee, a python with an alligator, and a river fish with a snook. Council Member Kramer stated that he would like to review the updated concepts, particularly those addressing visibility concerns. Mr. Lasseter subsequently provided supplemental images and noted that the designs remained conceptual and could be further refined based on City Council direction.

Mr. Lasseter noted that the original design had been valued at approximately \$3.5 million and was offered at \$2.5 million and would not increase in price as a result of the modifications. He added that the warranty included lifetime coverage on the playground's main structural support components, 15 years on structural steel and rotationally molded components, 10 years on site furnishings and shade products, five years on net climbers and similar components, and a three-year labor warranty through DRP. Mr. Hartley noted that the firm's warranties are backed by a \$51 million indemnity insurance policy, while the poured-in-place (PIP) surface carries a five-year warranty. He confirmed that the firm's installation crews are based in Southwest Florida, with five crews throughout the state, and that DRP operates a dedicated parts and warranty coordination team.

Ryan Russell, owner of Playmore West, Inc., introduced the firm as the only locally based company among the three, with offices in Fort Myers. Danny Flesher, Chief Operating Officer of Playmore, and Todd Lehman, lead designer from Create Play, the firm's exclusive Florida fabrication partner, presented the design. Mr. Flesher emphasized the company's 26-year history, its eight project managers throughout Florida, and dedicated Parts Coordinator for post-installation service and warranty. Mr. Lehman described the design concept as moving "from land to sea," and utilized an electronic presentation to show a 25-foot custom tree house with a 16-foot signature slide described as the tallest in Naples, a sand dune play mount with an eight-foot elevation and double-wide slide, a replica Naples pier structure for younger players, a life-size sea turtle, a jumping dolphin, a stage with amphitheater-style log seating, and a signature music wall. He stated that the playground design incorporated multiple foam play mounds with wheelchair-accessible routes and features, allowing children with mobility challenges to participate throughout the play area rather than limiting accessibility to isolated components and that geo-location sun modeling was used to maximize overhead shade placement. He said the design incorporated artificial turf with a 15-year warranty along with poured-in-place rubber surfacing. Mr. Flesher estimated a project timeline of 311 days from approval to completion, exclusive of permitting. He then detailed the warranty terms, which included a one-year full workmanship labor warranty, and product warranties consistent with industry standards for each material type.

Council Member Barton stated a preference for the GameTime design, citing the Southwest Florida nature theme with the Cambier tree and local wildlife as the most fitting for the City, and expressed confidence that any of the three firms would deliver a quality result. Council Member Krol and Vice Mayor Blankenship agreed with Council Member Barton's assessment, stating that the design best suited Naples. Council Member Schultz stated a preference for Playmore, citing the locally based team's commitment. Council Member Penniman also expressed a preference for Playmore, citing comfort with the firm's products and team. Council Member Kramer stated that the sight-line issues with GameTime's design had been resolved through the post-May 7th revisions, and confirmed his preference for that design, noting a preference for the solid poured-in-place surface over turf.

MOTION by Barton to PROCEED with the Cambier Park playground design from PlayCore Wisconsin, Inc. DBA GameTime and direct the City Manager to negotiate a contract for City Council approval; seconded by Krol and unanimously carried, all members present and voting (Blankenship-yes, Krol-yes, Barton-yes, Kramer-yes, Schultz-yes, Penniman-yes, Heitmann-yes).

Council Members offered several design notes for the contract negotiation phase, including updating the manatee rendering to more closely resemble the actual animal; exploring the addition of a panther and alligator as local wildlife elements; and potentially incorporating an eagle into the tree structure. Council Member Kramer indicated that price negotiations should be pursued aggressively, and City Manager Young confirmed his intent to bring a final contract to City Council at its June 17th Regular Meeting.

[Agenda Memorandum](#)

[Playcore Wisconsin, Inc dba Gametime Presentation \(Supplement 1\)](#)

[Playmore West, Inc Presentation \(Supplement 1\)](#)

[Miracle Recreation Equipment Company Presentation \(Supplement 1\)](#)

[Presentation \(Staff/Added Attachment\)](#)

13.B) *CLERK TRACKING 2026-00081* - Selection of Annual Audit Firm Discussion and Direction

Finance Director Stefan Massol presented the item and summarized the Auditor Selection Committee's process. He reported that nine proposals were received in response to the Request for Proposal (RFP), which was advertised for 30 days after the committee drafted the document on March 31st. He explained that the evaluation criteria weighted cost at only 10 out of 100 points, in compliance with Section 218.391, Florida Statutes, which prohibits cost from being the predominant factor. The Committee scored and ranked the firms, identified the top three, CliftonLarsonAllen, Purvis, Gray and Company, and Forvis Mazars, and interviewed all three on May 11th. Finance Director Massol stated that the Committee's ranking remained unchanged after the interviews, with CliftonLarsonAllen ranking first. He noted that the Committee cited CliftonLarsonAllen's local presence, large firm size, focus on local government municipal auditing, and commitment to completing 70 to 80 percent of interim audit work before fiscal year-end as key factors. He expressed confidence in CliftonLarsonAllen as a potential City partner, while noting staff's readiness to work with whichever firm the City Council selected.

Public Comment: None.

MOTION by Kramer to ACCEPT the Auditor Committee's recommendation to select CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP as the City's annual audit firm; seconded by Penniman and unanimously carried, all members present and voting (Penniman-yes, Schultz-yes, Krol-yes, Barton-yes, Blankenship-yes, Kramer-yes, Heitmann-yes).

[Agenda Memorandum](#)

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14) NEW BUSINESS

14.A) *RESOLUTION 2026-15875* - A Resolution Approving a Merit Increase for the City Clerk; and Providing an Effective Date.

City Attorney Matthew McConnell read the title of the Resolution. City Clerk Patricia Rambosk noted that in June of 2024, the City Council amended her Employment Agreement so that she would be eligible for merit increases in the same manner as other non-bargaining City employees. She also relayed to Council that the City revised its policy to provide merit increases effective April 1st rather than on an employee's anniversary date, and non-bargaining employees whose performance met or exceeded expectations received a four percent merit increase.

City Clerk Rambosk then highlighted operational improvements, cost-saving initiatives and other major accomplishments over the past year. She outlined the several cost-saving measures and revenue recovery initiatives; including approximately \$50,000 in records management cost savings, \$75,000 returned to the General Fund at fiscal yearend, an estimated savings of \$60,000 to \$80,000 in future savings through implementation of allowing on-line legal notice advertising, continued recovery of petitioner legal advertising costs, collection of more than \$14,000 in special service fees for extensive public records requests, and recovery of approximately \$8,000 in administrative costs from the Ethics Commission. City Clerk Rambosk further highlighted several significant accomplishments, including administering all election-related duties for the 2026 General Election; evaluating and implementing a unified records management solution that eliminated Laserfiche subscription costs; expanding the City's Questys records repository; reorganizing the City's historical records archive dating to 1925; uploading more than 24,000 searchable historical records; and initiating efforts to centralize Building Department permit records and related documents.

City Clerk Rambosk reported that the City Clerk's Office managed more than 5,200 public records requests citywide, coordinated responses to subpoenas, complex litigation matters, legal discovery requests and appeals, and reviewed thousands of records for confidential and exempt information to ensure compliance with state law and court deadlines. She further noted that she completed a two-year professional leadership program through the International Institute of Municipal Clerks Education Plus Program and earned a Bronze Level Certificate. She reaffirmed her commitment to maintaining the highest professional standards and continuing to improve the efficiency, transparency, and accessibility of City Clerk services.

Public Comment: None.

MOTION by Blankenship to APPROVE RESOLUTION 2026-15875 increasing the salary of the City Clerk by four percent effective May 31st; seconded by Kramer and unanimously carried, all members present and voting (Krol-yes, Schultz-yes, Blankenship-yes, Barton-yes, Kramer-yes, Penniman-yes, Heitmann-yes).

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14.B) RESOLUTION 2026-15876 - A Resolution Approving a Second Amendment to Agreement for City Attorney Legal Services Extending the Term and Amending the Hourly Rates; Authorizing the Mayor to Execute the Second Amendment to the Legal Services Agreement; Providing for Scrivener's Errors and an Effective Date.

City Attorney Matthew McConnell read the title of the Resolution. He explained that the proposed Second Amendment Agreement for City Attorney Legal Services would provide automatic contract renewal, subject to the existing termination provisions, and adjust hourly billing rates. He proposed increasing his rate from \$230 to \$250 per hour, senior attorney rates from \$220 to \$230, associate attorney rates to \$200, and paralegal and legal assistant rates from \$75 to \$100. He noted that the proposed rates remained below those charged under prior City Attorney contracts and that the firm's blended billing rate generally ranges from \$180 to \$190 per hour due to the use of associates and paralegals.

Mayor Heitmann questioned the need for an automatic renewal provision, noting that annual performance reviews already occur and expressing concern that future Council Members may lack the historical context behind the agreement. She stated a preference for requiring periodic City Council action to affirm renewals rather than allowing the contract to renew automatically. Several Council Members had no objection to the provision, citing the contract's 90-day termination clause and the continuation of annual performance evaluations.

Council Members also discussed the City Attorney's role in managing litigation, outside counsel, and legal services. City Attorney McConnell explained that the City Attorney's Office coordinates all legal matters with Risk Management, the City Manager's Office, insurance carriers, and outside counsel as needed, and suggested that a future Resolution may be proposed authorizing only the City Attorney's Office to receive service of process on behalf of the City. City Manager Gary Young explained that outside counsel selections are reviewed collaboratively before a final decision is made.

In response to Council Member Kramer, City Attorney McConnell reported that the firm had reduced a backlog of approximately 14 to 18 cases requiring specialized legal counsel to one relating to airport matters and had reduced spending on specialized legal counsel to approximately \$3,300 during the current year. He also reported that Assistant City Attorney Ralf Brookes performed approximately 2.7 percent of the City's legal work, primarily handling matters he originally initiated and provided backup coverage for time-sensitive risk protection order hearings.

Council Member Kramer and Mayor Heitmann asked the City Attorney to provide information regarding active legal matters, outside counsel usage, legal service reporting, and attorney time devoted to City business. City Attorney McConnell agreed to include greater detail of legal services in future litigation reports.

Public Comment: None.

MOTION by Kramer to APPROVE RESOLUTION 2026-15876; seconded by Barton and unanimously carried, all members present and voting (Barton-yes, Penniman-yes, Blankenship-yes, Krol-yes, Kramer-yes, Schultz-yes, Heitmann-yes).

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14.C) Discussion Related to Revising the City of Naples Comprehensive Plan Amendment Project Schedule (Supplement 2/Added Item).

Planning Director Erica Martin introduced the item, reporting that the Planning Advisory Board (PAB) voted seven to zero at its May 13th meeting to recommend denial of the Comprehensive Plan Ordinance and to request that the City Council return the item to the PAB for a second hearing at its November 2026 meeting. Planning Director Martin explained that the PAB sought additional time for public review of the published draft, which was made available on May 6th. She noted that the current approved project schedule calls for First Reading of the Ordinance at the June 3, 2026 City Council Regular Meeting, transmittal to State reviewing agencies within 10 days of First Reading, a 30-day State review period, and fall adoption hearings, with the project concluding by December 2026. Planning Director Martin presented an alternative extended schedule that would shift the PAB hearing to November 2026 and delay First Reading to early 2027, culminating in final adoption by May 2027.

Council Members discussed the appropriate balance between allowing additional public engagement and maintaining forward momentum on a document that has been in development for several years, supported by multiple rounds of community outreach including direct mailings to every address in the City, and two rounds of public engagement meetings in November 2025 and February 2026. Council Member Kramer noted that after reviewing the PAB meeting recording, he found the Board's discussion to be substantive, thoughtful, and well-reasoned. He expressed support for extending the timeline as a gesture of respect to the PAB.

Vice Mayor Blankenship suggested that requiring written public comments to be submitted by the end of August, rather than waiting for November public meetings, could allow the schedule to be compressed, with the PAB reviewing those comments at its September meeting, and the City Council considering the item in October. He emphasized that extensive public outreach had already occurred and that the public now had a published draft to analyze and respond to in writing.

Council Member Krol expressed a preference for an accelerated timeline, suggesting the item should return to the agenda at the first City Council meeting after the summer recess. Mayor Heitmann stated that the Comprehensive Plan is the City's most important planning document and expressed the view that it should not proceed to First Reading until airport-related concerns and recommended legal revisions had been addressed, advocating for additional review before transmittal. City Attorney McConnell confirmed that the item would be heard at First Reading at the June 3rd meeting and that the City Council could choose at that time to discuss the document in depth, defer it, or take no action, without violating any legal requirements since an Ordinance need not be approved at its first noticed hearing.

Public Comment: Jenna Heiderman, representing the Homeowners' Association coalition of Aqualane Shores, Coquina Sands, Gulf Shore Association of Condominiums, the Moorings, Park Shore, Port Royal, Royal Harbor, and Sun Terrace, expressed support for the PAB's

recommendation to extend the timeline. Ms. Heiderman stated that the coalition intended to use the summer months to thoroughly review the draft and develop specific, substantive recommendations for consideration by the PAB and the City Council. She also expressed gratitude for the clarification regarding the President's Council's role as an information-sharing body rather than a collaborative decision-making forum and indicated that the coalition welcomed the opportunity to meet with staff to better understand the planning process and available documents. Mayor Heitmann expressed support for continued public discussion of the Comprehensive Plan update but cautioned that any meeting involving City Council direction or decision-making would need to comply with public meeting requirements. She stated that public input opportunities had been extensive, including outreach efforts and mailings, and encouraged residents and neighborhood groups to continue providing specific comments and recommendations to Council Members. In response, Ms. Heiderman stated that the coalition was attempting to facilitate communication through neighborhood associations because individual outreach efforts had not always generated responses from residents. **Nancy Walkenhorst**, President of Park Shore Association and a coalition member, clarified the distinction between the President's Council, which functions as an informational conduit from the City Manager's Office to neighborhood associations, and the HOA coalition, which is a self-organized body that meets independently to develop collective positions on community issues.

Ensuing discussion, the following consensus was proffered.

Consensus reached to defer the item to allow for additional comments on the draft Plan from the public/community groups/other agencies to be submitted, and for the City Manager to schedule a discussion of the item at either the June 3rd or June 17th City Council Meeting.

City Manager Young confirmed that staff would return to the City Council on either June 3rd or June 17th with any contract amendments required to accommodate the revised timeline, along with a revised project schedule for City Council consideration and direction. He then sought clarification on whether City Council was asking staff to meet privately with HOA coalitions or produce additional documentation in response to outside requests. He stated that while he would continue to meet with any HOA or community group to share information and available documents, any directive to allocate staff time or consultant resources to produce new materials must come from the City Council through the City Manager, not external parties. Planning Director Martin noted that the Planning Department has limited staff resources and that the consultant's work is limited to tasks authorized under the existing contract. She stated that any request for additional analysis, reports, or other consultant work would require City Council direction. Council Member Kramer emphasized that individual Council Members do not direct staff assignments and that any request for additional staff work requires consensus direction from the City Council. He noted that Comprehensive Plan materials and historical records are publicly available and encouraged interested parties to review those resources. Council Member Kramer added that he would be willing to meet with any HOA or coalition to discuss their concerns.

[Agenda Memorandum \(Supplement 2/Added Attachment\)](#) 

[Current Project Schedule \(Supplement 2/Added Attachment\)](#) 

[Proposed Extended Project Schedule \(Supplement 2/Added Attachment\)](#) 

[PAB Action Report 2026-05-13 \(Supplement 2/Added Attachment\)](#) 

14.D) Executive Session in regard to City of Naples v. City of Naples Airport Authority, et al; Case No. 2026-CA-001094, 20th Judicial Circuit, in and for Collier County, Florida. (Time Certain 12:30pm) (Supplement 2/Added Item).

City Attorney Matthew McConnell announced the Executive Session for the purpose of seeking advice concerning settlement negotiations or strategy related to litigation expenditures in Case No. 2026-CA-001094, City of Naples v. City of Naples Airport Authority, et al., pending in the 20th Judicial Circuit in and for Collier County, Florida. The following individuals were present during the Executive Session: Mayor Heitmann, Vice Mayor Blankenship Council Members Kramer,

Penniman, Barton, Krol, and Schultz, City Manager Gary Young, City Attorney McConnell, Assistant City Attorney Andrew Dickman, and Charissa Dines from Dines Court Reporting

Executive Session from 12:26 p.m. to 1:56 p.m. it is noted for the record the same Council Members were present when the meeting reconvened.

No Action was announced.

City Attorney McConnell read a Public Notice announcing his request for an Executive Session during the June 3, 2026 City Council Regular Meeting, at approximately 12:30 p.m., for the same matter.

[Agenda Memorandum \(Supplement 2/Added Attachment\)](#) 

[Public Notice \(Supplement 2/Added Attachment\)](#) 

Recess: 4:32 p.m. to 4:41 p.m. It is noted for the record that the same Council Members were present when the meeting reconvened.

ORDINANCES

15) FIRST READING ORDINANCES

- 15.A) REFERRED TO THE PLANNING ADVISORY BOARD - First Reading of An Ordinance of the City of Naples, Florida Amending the Naples Code of Ordinances To Create a New Section 1-17 of Chapter 1, General Provisions, to be Titled “Public Notice Requirements”, Providing for Electronic Publication of Required Notices and Advertisements on a Publicly Accessible County Website, Providing for Annual Notification to Residents and Property Owners to Receive Notices by Mail or E-Mail, and Establishing a Registry for This Purpose in Accordance with Section 50.0311, Florida Statutes; Amending Subsection (a)(1) of Section 2-53, Notice of Business to be Transacted; Subsection (4) of Section 2-83, Appeal Procedure; Extension of Time for Compliance; Section 2-764, Notice by Publication; Subsection (b)(2) of Section 12-5, Limitation Upon Grant; Subsection (e) of Section 30-163, Violations; Subsection (b) of Section 30-170, Pretreatment; Section 38-67, Public Notice; Section 44-8, Definitions of the Land Development Code; Subsection (e)(2) of Section 46-34, Approval of Conditional Uses; Subsection (b) of Section 46-36, Variances to Coastal Construction Control Line; Subsection (b)(4) of Section 46-38, Vacation of Street, Alley, Easement or subdivision Plat; Subsection (i) of Section 46-41, Claims for Vested Rights; Subsection (4)(a)1 of Section 52-93, Dredging, Filling and Other Marine Construction in Inland Waters; Subsection (c) of Section 54-31, Approval Procedure; Subsection (m)(2)a. of Section 56-48, Satellite Antennas, Towers and Masts; Section 58-804, Procedure for Approval of PD Zoning; and Subsection (i)(1) of Section 58-1078, Airport Noise Impact Zone Land Use Regulations of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Naples to Reference the New Section 1-17; Providing Administrative Procedures, Definitions, and Rules of Construction; Providing for Codification, Conflicts, Severability, Scrivener’s Errors, and Providing an Effective Date (Supplement 2/Updated Item).**

City Attorney Matthew McConnell read the title of the Ordinance. City Clerk Patricia Rambosk explained that Florida Statutes Chapter 50 was amended to allow municipalities to publish required legal notices on a publicly accessible county website in lieu of a newspaper. She overviewed the Ordinance and statutory requirements explaining that it was drafted in a manner that the City could continue to publish legal notices in a newspaper, if it were necessary, but could alternatively publish them on the Collier County Clerk of Courts established website.

City Clerk Rambosk noted that the County Clerk has made its website accessible to all cities within Collier County at no cost and that the City Clerk’s Office had been publishing legal notices on the County Clerk’s website since July 2024. She reminded the City Council that at its January 12, 2025 Workshop meeting, the City Council directed that the City Clerk proceed with drafting the ordinance amending the Code after first publishing a legal notice every month for six months in the Naples Daily News to inform the public of the City’s intention to solely publish legal notices utilizing the County’s website rather than the newspaper. She advised City Council that the

notices were completed in June of 2025 and referred to the Affidavit of Publication in the meeting packet. She also said that notice was being provided to the public through the City's newsletters.

City Clerk Rambosk utilized an electronic presentation to explain that implementation of the online legal notice process would require the City to: 1) publish an annual newspaper notice informing the public that legal notices are posted on the County website; 2) maintain a registry of names, addresses, and email addresses for individuals requesting notice; 3) provide mailed notices upon request; 4) amend the City Code to authorize the process; and 5) maintain a dedicated legal notice email address administered by the City Clerk's Office. She noted that the email account had already been established. She then demonstrated how to navigate the City's website to access legal notices and how to subscribe to future notices.

City Clerk Rambosk overviewed the estimated costs of advertising legal notices in the newspaper of approximately \$60,000 in fiscal year 2024-25, and estimated projected future savings of \$60,000 to \$80,000 annually, not including staff time, which she estimated at an additional \$30,000 per year based on the administrative burden of managing newspaper ad placements across departments. Another benefit, she noted, is that the County website allows notices to be posted up to 10 to 15 days prior to a hearing, compared to a single one-time newspaper publication, offering greater visibility to the public and easier readability.

Mayor Heitmann questioned the projected cost savings as not being significant and raised concerns about eliminating newspaper publication for certain high-impact notices, reliance on the County's website, and relocating notice requirements to a standalone Code section.

Council Members discussed the proposed transition from newspaper publication of legal notices to a website posting system. Vice Mayor Blankenship supported the concept but emphasized the importance of a robust public education effort, continued mailed notices for Planning Department petitions, and a transition period to ensure residents were aware of the County's notification system. City Clerk Rambosk explained that the City had participated in a pilot program since January 2025, promoted the service through the City's website and newsletters, and worked closely with the Collier County Clerk's Office to develop and improve the platform, although usage analytics are currently unavailable.

Council Member Kramer expressed support for the transition, citing significant cost savings and declining newspaper readership. He stated that Collier County, Marco Island, and Everglades City had transitioned to online legal notices without significant public concerns. Council Member Barton agreed, stating that the City was appropriately adapting to changing communication habits and proactively preparing for the future. Council Members Penniman and Krol also supported the change, with the latter noting that electronic access to notices through the County's website is no less convenient than reading them in the newspaper's electronic edition.

Mayor Heitmann expressed appreciation for the effort but requested clarification regarding categories of notices that may still require newspaper publication or other forms of notice under state law, particularly for planning, purchasing, and Comprehensive Plan matters. City Attorney McConnell noted that certain statutory notice requirements may continue to apply and warranted further review. He also noted that several amended Code sections fall within the Land Development Code, which would require review and recommendation by the Planning Advisory Board (PAB). Ensuing discussion, the following motion was proffered.

Public Comment: None.

MOTION by Kramer to REFER ITEM 15.A to the Planning Advisory Board at its June 10, 2026 Meeting; seconded by Barton and unanimously carried, all members present and voting (Schultz-yes, Penniman-yes, Blankenship-yes, Barton-yes, Kramer-yes, Krol-yes, Heitmann-yes).

[Agenda Memorandum](#) [Ordinance - First Reading](#)
[Presentation \(Supplement 2/Added Attachment\)](#)

[Affidavit of Publication, Advertisements, and Public Notices \(Supplement 2/Added Attachment\)](#) 

16) SECOND READING ORDINANCES

16.A) *ORDINANCE 2026-15877* - Second Reading of an Ordinance related to the Six-Month Review of Live Entertainment Permits. An Ordinance Amending Regulations Relating to the Six-Month Review of New Live Entertainment Permits; Amending Subsection (e)(7) of Section 56-125, Live Entertainment Permit, of Article IV, Standards Applicable to Commercial Districts, of Chapter 56, Supplemental Standards, of the Code of Ordinances, City of Naples; Providing for Codification; Conflicts; Severability; Correction of Scrivener's Error; Construction; Publication; and Providing an Effective Date.

City Attorney Matthew McConnell read the title of the Ordinance. Planning Director Erica Martin confirmed that no changes had been made since First Reading. She explained that the Ordinance amends Section 56-125(e)(7) of the Code to allow the mandatory six-month review of new live entertainment permits to be presented as an informational item on the Consent Agenda when there are no issues to report, rather than requiring a full agenda item in all cases. Planning Director Martin stated that if violations or problems are identified, the City Council retains the authority to schedule the matter for a full hearing to consider revocation or revision of the approval.

Public Comment: None.

MOTION by Penniman to ADOPT ORDINANCE 2026-15877; seconded by Blankenship and unanimously carried, all members present and voting (Penniman-yes, Kramer-yes, Schultz-yes, Blankenship-yes, Barton-yes, Krol-yes, Heitmann-yes).

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[Sec. 56-125. Live Entertainment Permit](#) 

[Naples Business Impact Estimate](#) 

17) PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

18) COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL, AND STAFF

Council Member Krol acknowledged organizers and participants of the America 250 essay contest, and Community Services staff for their efforts in organizing the upcoming America 250 Celebration activities. Council Member Krol also acknowledged the Code Enforcement Board's work in promptly addressing unsecured pool violations. He then thanked Assistant City Manager George Yilmaz for developing revenue-generating utility initiatives that expand the City's customer base while minimizing financial risk to the City.

Council Member Barton recalled a public comment earlier that day regarding the rooftop restaurant pilot program for the 800 block of 5th Avenue South, noting that the Ordinance is set to expire and that he believed the subject warranted a broader City Council discussion. He suggested that the City Council consider extending the pilot program and potentially discuss revising the underlying policy. Mayor Heitmann expressed caution about expanding the program beyond the current pilot block, citing concern about the residential character of the avenues. Vice Mayor Blankenship expressed support for a one-year extension of the pilot program, noting that the program lost approximately one year of effectiveness due to Hurricane Ian's impact on development activity, and suggested that discussion of any permanent expansion occur separately. The following consensus was then proffered.

Consensus reached authorizing staff to pursue a one-year extension of the existing pilot program for the 800 block of 5th Avenue South, with a broader policy discussion regarding extension of the pilot project to follow.

Council Member Barton raised questions regarding the status of the River Park East Project, and City Manager Young confirmed that the engineering contract award is expected to be brought to the City Council within the next two months, with updates to be presented at the June 11th Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) meeting. City Manager Young noted that interim

temporary pumping measures similar to those implemented on 17th Avenue South are also being pursued for the coming hurricane season, pending easement agreements.

Council Member Kramer reported that the Tourism Development Council (TDC) presented first-quarter data for the January through March period showing visitor counts up 5.5 percent and direct spending up 8.5 percent, the strongest results since his time on the TDC.

Council Member Schultz discussed a proposal that he had received from resident Thompson Dyke regarding decorative improvements to traffic signal mast arms and controller boxes at approximately 40 intersections within the City, noting that the existing infrastructure does not reflect the Naples aesthetic. Council Member Schultz suggested exploring whether neighboring HOAs might co-fund such a program. City Manager Young acknowledged that he had met with Mr. Dyke and expressed willingness to develop cost estimates for City Council consideration, noting that the project would need to be incorporated into the capital improvement planning process.

Vice Mayor Blankenship noted that a resident had raised concerns about landscaping restrictions within City easements, referencing a recent email from Parker Borelli. City Manager Young explained that staff have been working on the Right-of-Way Handbook. He confirmed that Planning and Transportation staff had already communicated directly with Mrs. Borelli to clarify the application of existing regulations, and that the matter is being handled on a case-by-case basis consistent with the Code.

City Manager Young announced that the July 4th fireworks display will be launched from the water off 5th Avenue South.

Mayor Heitmann stated that the City Council should have a broader conversation about board and committee recruitment to ensure the right candidates are placed in the right positions and to address current vacancies, particularly on the Code Enforcement Board. She expressed concern about ensuring that board and committee members are appropriately matched to each board's purpose and do not pursue personal agendas at the expense of City Council direction.

19) ADJOURNMENT

5:44 p.m.

Teresa Lee Heitmann, Mayor

Patricia L. Rambosk, City Clerk

Meeting clerked by:

Jessica Hernandez, Deputy City Clerk

Minutes prepared by:
David Horton, Executive Assistant

Minutes Approved: 8/19/2026.